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The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 14 at party headquarters, 720 East 18th Avenue in Denver.

Party members are welcome at the meeting. Please call BetteRose for details: 303.639.5530

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Libertarians Field Historic Ballot Slate



Colorado Libertarian candidates greet VP nominee Art Olivier at DIA airport September 7. (l-r) Ross Glidewell, Ari Armstrong, Olivier, W. Earl Allen, Johanna Fallis, Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer, Gregg Miller, Carol and Hattie Geltemeyer, and Adam Katz. (Hattie is a member of the Party but is not yet running for public office.)

Fallis is running for Secretary of State. Six Libertarians are running for county commissioner.

Every Colorado voter will have a chance to vote for a Libertarian; most will be able to vote for three or more. In fact, Libertarians are providing a larger slate for state and federal legislative offices in Colorado than the Democrats.

This incredible list of candidates makes it possible a party other than the Republicans or Democrats could run an American state, for the first time since before the Civil War. Many believe that it is long past time.

"Libertarians are proud to have this opportunity to give Colorado a government dedicated to protecting

The Libertarian Party of Colorado announced that it is providing something no other "minor" party has provided in decades, if ever: a nearly full slate. Colorado voters have it within their power to elect a Libertarian majority in the State House and a strong plurality in the State Senate.

The Libertarian Party is running candidates in 58 out of 65 State House races and in 18 out of 20 State Senate races. In addition, Libertarians are running for all six US House seats and party member Johanna

their rights and, otherwise, getting out of their way," said Bette Rose Smith, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. "I certainly want to thank our Campaigns Director, Norm Olsen, and his entire team for making this dream come true.

"Now it is up to the people of Colorado to decide if they want to break the two-party monopoly that has, for so long, been stealing our money, intruding in our lives, and setting us against each other. Together, they have corrupted the meaning of freedom."

Browne to Rally Colorado; Olivier Trip a Success

Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne will make a campaign stop in Colorado October 2 for a series of rallies.

Vice-Presidential Candidate Art Olivier's recent visit stirred the waters for Browne, as the VP campaigned across Colorado September 7-10 in Denver, Carbondale, and Grand Junction.

On October 2, Browne will keynote the "Constitution Monday" rally on the west steps of the State Capitol, scheduled from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Ralliers will celebrate constitutionally limited government and the entire bill of rights. Other civil rights advocates will join Browne to speak in support of the rights of civil arms, jury trials, and free speech. In part, the event is a reply to

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Notes from the Chair

Dear Friends,

The election season is upon us in full swing. We have received more press calls this year to date than we got over the last four years. People and groups are seeking us out. The press is looking for something exciting to cover. The two old parties are stale news.

What a year this is shaping up to be! There are so many people that we need to thank for the work they have done to make this all happen. Joe Johnson, Elke Glazer, Ari Armstrong, the Geltemeyers, John Berntson, Steve Gresh, David Bryant, Tom Goonan, Elizabeth Bennett, Steve D'Ippolito, Michele (Bethke) Poague and many, many more have put forth enormous efforts. We also should give special thanks to all of our candidates who have given up part of their private lives to be on the ballot.

This brings me to an important item, the Libertarian of the Year award, also known as the Ptak award. It is time to cast your vote for this very special award given by our membership to one person who has advanced the libertarian cause and the Libertarian Party of Colorado during the past year, September to September. To vote, list up to three people in order of preference and either send them to the office (720 E. 18th Ave. Denver, 80203) or e-mail them to ArundelCas@aol.com. You may list one person twice if you choose. Your first choice will be given three points, the second two, and the third one point. Please include why you are nominating the people you chose. And please do vote. This award was created not only so our membership could award an outstanding person but also to bring to light heroes from the local level. If you send your vote to the office, mark the outside of the envelop LOY or Ptak award. The award will be presented October 21.

With only six weeks left until the election one might think the season is almost over but there are still lots of things you can do. If all of us pull together, we can make this a banner year for the Libertarian Party of Colorado. Here is a short list of things you might be able to do.

Show support for Harry Browne when he comes to

Denver October 2. There will be two rallies and a town meeting. Please call radio stations, TV stations, newspapers and other outlets to let them know of these events. Invite, family, friends and neighbors to the events. When possible, call into talk shows and give out the information. And most of all, show up to these events. A big crowd means a story and a story means coverage by the press.

Several candidates are in need of help. This ranges from donations, to putting out literature, to creating literature, to coming up with groups for the candidate to talk with, to showing up at events for the candidate. For information on these candidates, call Norm Olsen at 303.252.9090.

Yard signs may be available for a candidate your area. Call either your candidate for office or the LP office for information.

Letters to the editor always help. Short letters with one point have the best chance of being published. Letters tied to a recent news story or a recent letter to the editor are more likely to see print, too. You might write on any number of topics: why vote for a Libertarian, how libertarian ideas will help in ONE area (education, campaign reform, growth, etc.), why vote for a local candidate (list no more than 3 reasons), and why a vote for the old parties is wasted.

Letters to the editor praising the Colorado Legislature for giving us more choices at the ballot box will become increasingly important. Several people who supported minor party status feel under attack by us because of the large number of races we have entered, especially their own. If they lose, we have been cautioned, the minor political party status could come under attack by those who win. If we can show strong support for minor political parties in general, it will be harder for the legislature to repeal it.

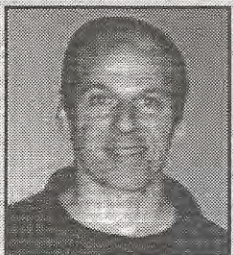
What a great year! I look forward to writing more about our accomplishments and successes during the coming months.

On to victory!
BetteRose Smith

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Partisan Magazine
"Taking it to the Streets"



Debra Collins
Armed Informed Mothers
"My Gun Saved My Life"



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Libertarian for Congress
"Truth, Justice and America"



Mark Paschall
State Representative
"Colorado Safeguards of Liberty"

Harry Browne
Libertarian for President
"The Chains of the Constitution"



Desiree Hickson
Libertarian for State Rep.
"Federal Intrusions in Education"



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"The Right to an Impartial Jury"



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Libertarian for State Rep.
"Time Again for Liberty"



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"Law and Justice"



Ari Armstrong
Colorado Freedom Report
"Freedom is Not a Loophole"



Crystal Albertus
2nd Amendment Sisters
"Take Back Your Rights"



Dudley Brown
Rocky Mountain Gun Owners
"No Compromise"

Join Libertarian Harry Browne for...

Constitution Monday

October 2 Rally
West Steps, Denver Capitol
4:30 to 7:30 pm

Help us celebrate Constitutionally limited government and the ENTIRE Bill of Rights!

Don't let Janet Reno use this day to protest against gun ownership—instead join a broad pro-liberty coalition to rally for all individual liberties and a government restrained by the Constitution.

Other speakers will include Robert Teesdale, Michelle Konieczny, and Gregg Miller. Mr. Browne will attend a later rally indoors at the Denver Tech Center—see www.lpcolorado.org for details.

INS Protest Continues Palisade Tradition



On August 19, the Libertarians of Colorado picked several thousand pears and earned two television interviews in an effort to protest INS policies which target migrant workers. Harry Talbot sponsored the event on his Palisade farm. Michael Simpson provided great T-shirts for the event and Richard Lamping called the media. Sharon Armstrong took pictures. Other workers included Robin and Derrick Sharp, Warren Kruse, and BetteRose Smith. Talbot generously rewarded workers with peaches from another of his orchards.

Volunteers Conduct Check on Initiative



Doug Fox, Dick Jones, David Bryant, Ari Armstrong, Dan Morris, and Tom Parker count signatures at the Secretary of State's office. The background check initiative sponsored by the anti-gun lobby Sane Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic would apply to private transfers at gun shows, defined as three or more persons. Attorney Paul Grant filed a legal challenge against the measure for Rocky Mountain Gun Owners.

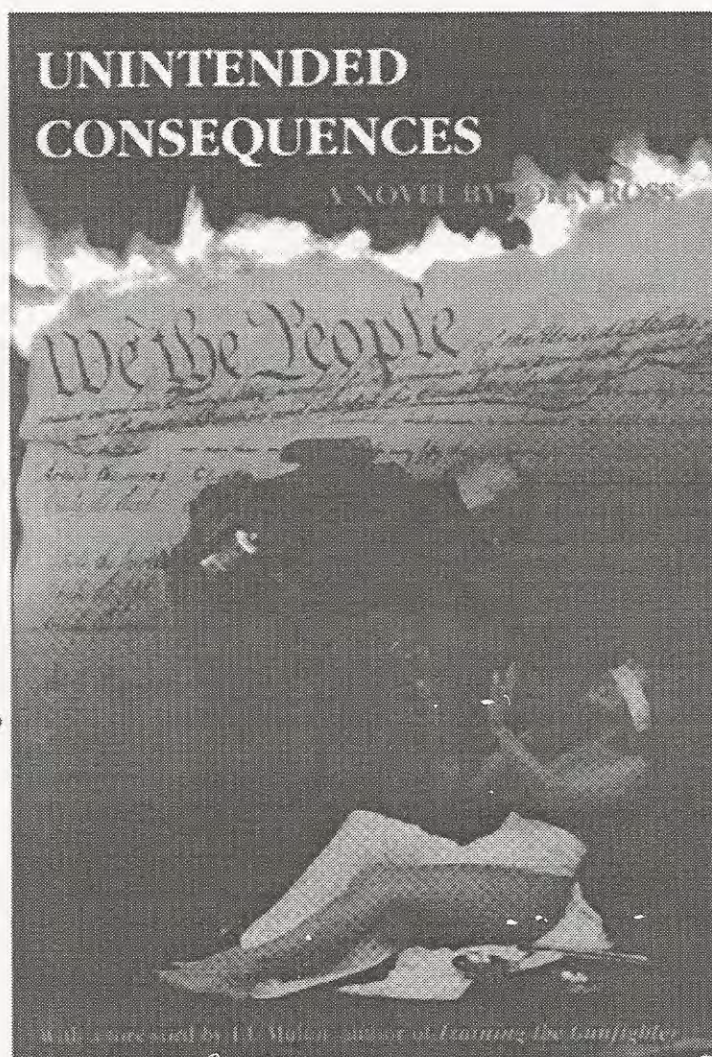
Boulder LP Roasts Udall

The Udall "Roast" was held Sunday, Aug. 27 at 7 pm, at the Odd Fellows Hall. This was a big one, with media coverage. Stories appeared in Monday's *Daily Camera* and *Longmont Times-Call*. Kudos to Dave Baker and Ralph Shnelvar for some hilarious roasting, and especially to Ron Bain for organizing the event (and supplying the hot chilli!).



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Candlelight Vigil Held to Remember Holocaust Victims

On September 30th Dr. Shawn Glazer, Libertarian candidate for Colorado State House of Representatives District #24 spoke with a crowd of over 60 people gathered for a candlelight vigil for genocide victims around the world.

The event was sparked by a letter from Bobbi Tobin, Associate Director of the Anti-Defamation League, to members of the Tyranny Response Team asking that they "refrain from using the Nazi Genocide as a political tool." The ADL has been actively lobbying for increased gun control.

Dr. Glazer said, "It would be a dishonor to the memory of my relatives who died in the Holocaust to not consider the implications of history when creating

legislation. Every major genocide around the world began with disarmament of the people. Truly protecting minorities, as the ADL claims to do, includes protecting their right to protect themselves."

Also in attendance at the event were Dudley Brown, president of the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners association and Bob Glass of the Tyranny Response Team. The people attending wore 6 pointed yellow stars emblazoned with the words "Gun Owner." Unlike other TRT events this was a solemn occasion with no shouting or bullhorns. After the speeches a single fife player played "Amazing Grace" and the ceremony was concluded with the singing of a prayer in Hebrew.

Kudos: Libertarians Who Make a Difference

Tom Parker, in addition to continuing his outstanding work with the Boulder County affiliate, created most of the candidate web pages (see www.lpcolorado.org).

Outreach Director Brian Rachocki added, "My thanks go out to Tom Parker for zipping up the candidate web pages—at the last minute—so we could display them at the Gun Show booth. Literally, all I had to do was load the archive on the computer, extract everything to a folder, and set the index as the home page."

Parker also assisted Ari Armstrong, BetteRose Smith, David Bryant, and volunteers from Rocky Mountain Gun Owners August 15-17 to count signatures on the petitions concerning background checks at gun shows.

Paul Scott Williams has taken on much of the correspondence for the state party. He recently mailed a detailed reply letter to a group of high school students who had requested more information.

Williams has also started a project to identify possible new allies who send in letters to editors. Those who

wish to help Williams should contact David Bryant at davidbryant@att.net.

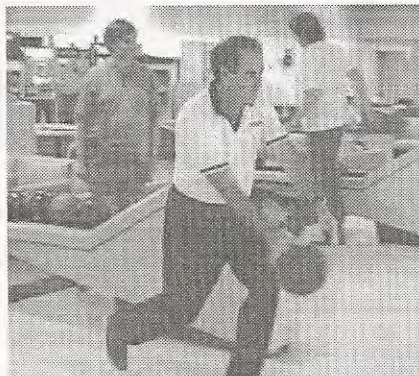
On July 29, David Aitken coordinated a training session for candidates. Robin Sharp and Warren Kruse provided food. Gary Sandritter helped film candidates in mock interviews and Lloyd Sweeney offered campaign advice. Aitken purchased copies of Michael Cloud's *Political Persuasion* tapes for every candidate.

Joe Johnson, Elizabeth Bennett, and Michelle Konieczny have taken on additional responsibilities with Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer's State House race. Along with Chuck Wright and numerous other volunteers, Johnson and Bennett continue their work with the gun show booth.

Geoffrey Lloyd spent time on the phone filling additional candidate slots.

BetteRose Smith, Michelle Poague, Konieczny, Steve Gallant, and Ralph Shnelvar helped organize the visits by Art Olivier and Harry Browne.

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Boulder Affiliate Bowles for Liberty

The second annual LPBC "Bowl-A-Thon for Liberty" was held on Saturday, August 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Coal Creek Bowling Lanes and was once again a big hit (Congressional Candidate Dave Baker is shown at left). We raised \$540.53 without spending a penny of the LPBC's funds. Over 12 bowlers participated, 23 people pledged (including several non-Libertarians and Libertarian sympathizers), and there were numerous spectator/cheerleaders. Everybody had a blast, including the two 7-year-old girls sponsored by Ralph Shnelvar. Most LPBC members participated in some way, either by bowling, pledging or spectating. Thanks to everyone who participated! —Ron Bain

Are You Ready to Win?



I'm Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer, MD, and I'm running for State Representative in District 24. And I need your help.

I'm not running to "send a message."

I'm running to win.

Friends, the time for talk is over.

Do you want to elect a Libertarian to the state legislature? It can happen this year. I'm going to pull out all the stops. I am raising more money and recruiting more volunteers than my old-party opponents—with your help.

Winning takes money—especially if you're the underdog. Today, Liberty is the underdog, and Liberty is the platform I'm running on.

Close your eyes for a moment and picture something. Picture waking up November 8, reaching for your morning paper, and reading the headline, "Libertarians Elect First State Rep. in Colorado History!"

Isn't it about time?

If you help elect me to the Colorado legislature this fall, I will be the representative of every person in this state who loves Liberty. Please help me be **your** representative.

I want you on our team. Please give generously to this campaign **today**, to help send a Libertarian to the State Capitol in **November!**

The momentum is building... I have already recieved an endorsement from the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners! With your help I can reach more voters and go from a good showing to a win!

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Press Watch: Libertarians Spread the Word

Sheriff Bill Masters Turns Heads

The *Denver Post* published a major article about Libertarian Sheriff Bill Masters of Telluride on August 28. The piece, entitled, "Monday Profile: Telluride Sheriff Just Says No to the Drug War," was featured prominently on the first page of the local section as well as on the internet. Nancy Lofholm of the *Post's* Western Slope Bureau wrote the story, which earned rave reviews from Libertarians across the nation for its accuracy, insight, and colorful style.

Lofholm noted that Masters is Colorado's highest-ranking Libertarian office holder as well as the only Libertarian sheriff in the nation. In 1998, Masters dropped his Republican affiliation, ran on a Libertarian platform, and earned 80% of the vote, his largest margin of victory ever.

In her story, Lofholm brings out two points of Masters' philosophy: his stand for personal responsibility in crime prevention, and his belief that drug prohibition is a waste of police resources.

Lofholm writes, "In a 'message from the sheriff printed on the back of a victims' rights pamphlet, Masters tells citizens of his county: 'It is your responsibility to protect yourself and your family from criminals. If you rely on the government for protection, you are going to be at least disappointed and at worst injured or killed.'"

She quotes Pitkin County Sheriff Bob Braudis, who said Masters "has an awful lot of courage" for his stand against drug prohibition. When he first became sheriff in the 70s, Lofholm relates, Masters made a reputation by cracking down on drug offenders. Masters even earned an award from the Drug Enforcement Administration. Since then, Masters has rethought his position. "Just look at how much good those arrests did," Masters said with a wry laugh. "We spend \$50 billion a year on drug enforcement in this country, and we let pedophiles and murderers out of prison because there is not enough room. The prisons are full of drug users."

A longer version of the speech Masters delivered at the Libertarian Convention is scheduled to appear in the national *Liberty Magazine*. In that speech, Masters talks about his experiences at the FBI training facility in Quantico, Virginia—where FBI resources were diverted to the DEA instead of being used to find child killers.

As the *Post* story makes clear, Sheriff Masters is a rising star not only in the Libertarian Party and in Colorado politics, but in the national discussion of sensible drug policies.

Rosen Hosts LP State Chair

Mike Rosen invited Libertarian State Chair BetteRose Smith as a guest on his talk show July 25 from 10:00 till 11:40 AM. Rosen's show airs on 850 KOA, the largest AM listening audience in Colorado.

Rosen was sympathetic with libertarian ideas, though he continued to argue that the Party has no practical chance to win a national victory. BetteRose said one purpose of the Libertarian Party is to educate the public until people are willing to adopt the Party's proposals.

Rosen claimed that Libertarians lack popularity because there will always be lazy, unproductive people who desire to live off the fruits of others' labor. Information Director David Bryant called in and made the point that even such people could thrive in a libertarian society, and indeed such a person would "learn to stand on his own two feet" and find pride in his accomplishments.

Publications Director Ari Armstrong called in and said, "I submit that the only wasted vote is the one cast for the lesser of two evils, because what you get is still evil." Armstrong argued that Bush advocates poor policies in four specific areas: civil arms, foreign policy, drug prohibition, and Social Security. Repeating a line from the Harry Browne campaign, Armstrong said, "Would George Bush have been a better man had he served a 10 year mandatory sentence for his youthful indiscretions that he now favors for other people?"

Rose responded to calls from all points of the political spectrum. One self-professed socialist suggested that, without minimum wage laws, business owners would pay \$1 an hour to workers. Rose countered that it is actually minimum wage laws that trap some people in poverty, by eliminating low-end jobs through which people gain training. Drawing the analogy to the real estate market, Rose also argued that the market determines wages, which is why even many fast-food establishments currently pay wages above the legal minimum.

The same caller wondered if Libertarians support democracy. Rose replied, "Democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what's for dinner. We live in a Republic." She argued that the success of capitalists helps everyone in society.

But what about the poor? "We believe that private charities will fill in the gap," Rose said. "Americans are very, very generous people." Rose also argued that one reason people have become less charitable over the years is that they have given up their responsibilities to

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One Libertarian caller asked if Rose thought the issue of drug prohibition can serve as a political “wedge” issue for the Party. Rosen commented that, while he believes drug prohibition is a bad thing, he doesn’t believe the American public is willing to accept such change.

Rose disagreed, pointing out the increasing popularity of the Libertarian position. Citing the Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act, Rose commented, “Drug prohibition has chipped away at our rights.”

Yes, some members of the public continue to support prohibition. “They forget that drugs used to be legal,” Rose said.

Rose was initially scheduled to spend 20 minutes on Rosen’s show, but her visit stretched to five times as long, with the board constantly full of callers.

Press Notes Colo. Springs Candidates

On August 8, the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, that town’s largest newspaper, ran the headline, “Libertarians field full slate of candidates for first time.”

Story author Michele Ames writes, “The El Paso County Libertarian Party will run a full slate of candidates against the GOP and Democrats for all state House and Senate seats and every available county commissioner slot in the Nov. 7 general election for the first time in the group’s history.”

Ames also aptly described the Libertarian point of view: “The party is built upon a philosophy that emphasizes individual liberties and free markets, and aims to reduce the size, power, expense and intrusiveness of government.”

Camera Snapshots Olivier Visit

On September 4, Boulder’s *Daily Camera* ran a page B-1 story in anticipation of Vice Presidential Candidate Art Olivier’s weekend visit. The article, entitled “Libertarian candidate to visit state,” also mentioned the 89 Colorado candidates, including Congressional Candidate David Baker.

The story quoted Olivier: “We’ve got a really good, strong Libertarian Party in Colorado. I think people in Colorado have that western ideal of being free—that old cowboy spirit.”

The article offered a good summary of Libertarian positions, citing Olivier’s view “that drugs and guns should be legal, federal income tax should be abolished, and the federal government should do ‘only

what the Constitution’ allows it to do without interfering with individual freedoms.”

Let’s Take Education Out of the Hands of Politicians

The following letter was published in the Rocky Mountain News, July 26.

In a July 18 letter, [the writer] wondered how Libertarians would help people pay for a free-market education. That’s easy: We’d repeal the income tax on both the federal and state level.

In the words of Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne in *The Great Libertarian Offer*: “We can repeal the income tax and replace it with freedom. How much would that mean to you? If yours is a typical middle-class family, your net income should increase by \$10,000 a year or more.” With that money, you could pay for your children’s education or set up a charity fund for others.

Back when education was controlled by parents rather than by politicians, education dollars went to teachers, not bureaucrats. Schools had sliding tuition rates and charity organizations helped those in need.

The fact is, Libertarians don’t trust politicians to educate your children. Let’s take education out of the hands of politicians and put it back in the hands of parents, students and teachers.

Shawn Elke Glazer
Libertarian Candidate State House District 24

Baker Discusses Libertarian Alternatives

Dave Baker, Libertarian candidate for U.S. Congress in District 2, got the opportunity to share his ideas with the Boulder community in an August article published in the *Daily Camera*, the city’s largest newspaper.

Elizabeth Mattern’s article, “Third parties add color to debate,” discussed all the candidates for that seat. She wrote an informative segment on Baker’s race:

“‘We used to be laughed off radio shows for talking about ending the drug prohibition,’ said Baker, adding that the now-popular idea of privatizing Social Security has been pushed by Libertarians for years. ‘That doesn’t happen anymore.’”

“Baker, a Boulder health care professional, calls for personal freedom with less government interference, free trade, doing away with the federal income tax system and legalizing drugs.

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"We're killing more people with the drug war than we are saving," Baker said."

Glazer Makes AFN

On July 19, Bob Glass urged listeners of the American Freedom Network (1360 AM) to support Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer in her candidacy for state representative in district 24. Glass is a well-known civil arms advocate and the publisher of *Partisan Magazine*.

Glass also mentioned Dr. Glazer's candidacy on July 27, when he gave extensive publicity for the "Constitution Monday" rally on October 2.

'I Trust You to Run Your Own Life'

Chuck Wright submitted the following letters in August.

Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan: "I'm Pat Buchanan and you can trust me to run your life." Republican Party candidate George W. Bush: "I'm George Bush and you can trust me to run your life." Green Party candidate Ralph Nader: "I'm Ralph Nader and you can trust me to run your life." Democratic Party candidate Al Gore: "I'm Al Gore and you can trust me to run your life." Libertarian Party candidate Harry Browne: "I'm Harry Browne and I trust you to run your own life." That's why I'm a Libertarian. I prefer to run my own life rather than having some politician run it for me. If you prefer to run your own life rather than having politicians run your life for you, vote Libertarian.

Currently, 166 Libertarians hold elective office nationwide, more than twice as many as all other third parties combined. This year the Libertarian Party will contest a majority of seats in the U.S House as well as a majority of the Senate seats up for election this year—the first time in eighty years that any third party has accomplished this. And this year the Libertarian Party will field candidates for all six of Colorado's US House seat and nearly every Colorado State House and State Senate seat. All other third parties combined don't even come close to running as many candidates in Colorado.

For more information on the Libertarian Party, see our web site at <http://www.lpcolorado.org/>.

If you think Al Gore can plan your retirement better than you can, vote for Al Gore. If you think George W. Bush can plan your retirement better than you can, vote for George W. Bush. But if you think you know better than anyone else how best to plan for your retirement, vote for Harry Browne. Harry Browne

wants you to be free to live your life as you think it should be lived, not as Al Gore or George W. Bush thinks you should live it.

For more information about the Harry Browne for President campaign, visit his web site at <http://www.harrybrowne.org/>.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wright

Libertarian candidate for State Senate District 17

Libertarians Will Vote for Freedom

This letter by former LP state chair Michele Bethke-Poague was published in the Rocky Mountain News July 20.

I enjoyed reading Mike Rosen's comments in his July 7 column "Libertarians not party animals." Yes, Libertarian Party is an oxymoron, and libertarian purists may truly despise the fact that we have formed a political party based on the philosophy. Many consider this to be the first step to compromise and to becoming Republicrats.

There are hundreds of Libertarians serving in offices across the country, and although they may not be able to bring about a pure libertarian society, you know that they will vote for your freedom on every issue, every time.

Rosen claims our ideas won't appeal to the masses, but I take exception to this. When one spouse takes money from the other, makes all the decisions about their health care, their investments, their eating habits, their education and whether or not to speak to the neighbors, we call this spousal abuse. Our government makes too many of our decisions for us now. How many people out there would just like to make these decisions for themselves?

If you want socialism, vote for the Republicrats. If you want your life back, if you want to make your own decisions, if you want less government, vote Libertarian.

Grant Evaluates Tobacco Money

Paul Grant, Libertarian National Chair from 1983-1985 and Libertarian candidate for Governor in 1982, wrote an opinion article for the Sunday, July 23 edition of the *Rocky Mountain News* about the recent tobacco law suit.

Grant says the recent jury verdict "shows just how insane our legal system can be, rewarding life-times of irresponsible, self-destructive, adult behavior with huge financial windfalls."

Grant is the same attorney who successfully

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represented Laura Kriho, the juror charged with contempt of court for failing to disclose personal information even though she was never asked to do so; and who filed the legal challenge against the background check initiative.

Libertarians Refuse Political Welfare

Steve Gresh submitted the following letter to the Colorado Springs Gazette on August 15.

While viewing a videotape of the Libertarian Party's National Convention that was held in Anaheim during the days before the Fourth of July, it occurred to me that many voters and taxpayers might not be aware of how extensive the political welfare system in the United States has become.

Republicans and Democrats force taxpayers to pay for their conventions, their primaries, and their presidential campaigns. Even the Reform Party squabbles over taxpayers' dollars to fund its political activities.

The Libertarian Party, however, pays for all of its political activities with private contributions. As a matter of principle, presidential candidate Harry Browne refuses to accept the taxpayer dollars which he is eligible to receive under federal election campaign finance laws.

El Paso County's 430 registered Libertarians, along with the 111,788 registered voters who are not affiliated with any party, constitute more than a third of the county's registered voters. Unfortunately, we're all forced to pay for the activities of Republican and Democratic politicians who spend our money to stage gaudy and meaningless conventions, conduct primary elections, and buy media ads to promote their candidates.

Voters throughout El Paso County will be able to choose Libertarian candidates for President, Vice President, U.S. Representative, Secretary of State, State Senate, State Representative, and County Commissioner in the upcoming general election. Not forcing taxpayers to fund our political activities is just one more reason why voting for Libertarians is the morally correct choice.

Very truly yours,

Steve F. Gresh
Media Director, Libertarian Party of El Paso County

Media Missed Real Convention

Steve Funk's letter appeared August 30, on the internet at <http://bouldernews.com/opinion/letters/26elett.html>.

Now that the Republican and Democratic

Conventions have ended, we hear much rightful criticism from the media that the conventions are scripted, overproduced, lacking drama, shamelessly pandering, and practically irrelevant. The majority voices discontent by simply not watching.

What's interesting is that the same media, except C-SPAN, totally ignored the Libertarian National Convention in July. I was a delegate there, and this was a real political event with all the ingredients the media longs for.

Over 1,200 attended from all 50 states. Four high-quality presidential candidates all lobbied for support. The roll call was actually dramatic since we had more than one candidate to choose from. There was even a close race for VP, requiring a second ballot.

We had platform debates (remember those?) regarding gun laws, abortion, the Drug War, and the death penalty. None of these un-smiley issues would be allowed on prime-time at the Republicrat conventions.

There were no riot police, metal detectors, or 15-foot fences restricting access to the convention. I personally met and spoke with our presidential nominee, Harry Browne, five times. I wonder how many delegates can say the same about Bush or Gore.

The convention also featured top-quality speakers from all walks of life: men, women, white, black, Hispanic, American Indian—not to put on a feel-good show about how “diverse” we are, but because of a shared passion for individual and economic freedom.

And incidentally, our convention was not paid for with taxpayer dollars—the Libertarians pay our own way.

It's unfortunate the media missed the best convention of this election year. Perhaps more people would have paid attention instead of watching “Survivor” and “Monday Night Football” during the Republicrat conventions like I did.

Those seeking political substance should explore the Libertarian Party at www.LP.org and Harry Browne's campaign at www.HarryBrowne.org.

Stephen V. Funk

College Paper Notes Libertarians

Colorado State University's *Collegian* paper published an extensive article September 1 entitled, “Libertarian candidates provide alternatives.” Writer Jason Wisecup begins the piece, “Are you looking for a change? Do you think that Democrats and Republicans are nothing more than two sides of the same coin? The Libertarians are currently the strongest third party in Colorado, and

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Wisecup provided a litany of Libertarian positions and discussed the local Libertarian candidates. He cites Clifford Ham, the Libertarian running in House District 53, "The War on Drugs has been a complete catastrophe." The story also describes Dan Cochran's Libertarian solutions to Colorado's growth problems.

Mountain Out of Amole Hill

We missed one previously! On March 9, Gene Amole said in his *Rocky Mountain News* column he "was leaning toward the Libertarians until I read the *Colorado Liberty*, published by the Libertarian Party of Colorado. Joe Johnson writes the party is upset at Gov. Bill Owens' gun-control measures, and he has had success recruiting new members from the Tanner Gun Show in Adams County."

The Libertarian Party upholds the civil liberties of all persons, in all cases. If Amole refuses to back the civil liberties of gun owners, he may find that the liberties he favors (such as free speech) are thereby put in jeopardy.

The Tea Party Goes National

The liberty-oriented Glendale Tea Party was featured on *Dateline* August 16. The Glendale group fought the mayor's efforts to put a strip bar out of business. State Chair BetteRose Smith appeared on the national television journal briefly as she put up a sign. Mike Dunafon and Debbie Matthews made the case those who do not wish to participate in strip bars can simply stay away. It is not up to politicians to make these kinds of personal decisions for the local citizenry.

Libertarians Seek to Cage Carnivore

Joseph Saland begins his July 30 letter to the *Rocky Mountain News*, "I recently learned of the FBI's new electronic spy tool, known as 'Carnivore,' through a Libertarian Party action alert—and, frankly, what I learned scared me."

Freedom is Not a Loophole

On August 30, Ari Armstrong filed a legal challenge with Paul Grant and Rocky Mountain Gun Owners against the background check initiative sponsored by Sane Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic. That evening and the next day, Armstrong was featured in stories on 9 News and other television programs across the state; in articles by the *Denver Post*, the *Rocky Mountain News*, and other newspapers across Colorado; on numerous radio stations, including 850 KOA, 710 KNUS, and 1360's American Freedom Network. On September 1, the *Denver Post* printed an

editorial critical of RMGO. Armstrong's reply is reprinted below.

Dear Editor,

In your Sept. 1 editorial, you wrongly claim I can't win an "open and honest debate on the issue" of background checks. But it is SAFE that has refused to publicly debate the issue on numerous occasions. When I asked a leader of SAFE why they wouldn't debate, he told me he was already ahead in the polls; i.e., SAFE doesn't want to confuse the voters with the facts.

Fortunately, I will be able to publicly argue against the SAFE initiative on at least four occasions: Sept. 11, Sept. 17, Oct. 2, and Oct. 18. My understanding is that I will debate Tom Mauser on two of those occasions. I will debate any member of SAFE anywhere, at any time. My number is 303.412.8356. Bring it on. If voters learn the facts behind the SAFE initiative, they will vote against it.

You claim voters have a "right" to vote on the SAFE initiative. But does the majority have the right to violate the civil liberties of the minority? Civil rights organizations like RMGO have a long tradition of using the court systems to protect individual rights against the tyranny of the majority. Unlike the *Post*, I advocate civil liberties for *all* citizens, in *all* cases.

Your editorial claims background checks would only keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children. That's false. Two independent studies have shown the national background check system has failed to reduce crime. Yale scholar John Lott's study shows that background checks have increased rape by 3.6%.

Because of incomplete and inaccurate records, background checks routinely deny lawful citizens their rights to purchase a firearm for self-defense. This increases their risk of criminal victimization. SAFE isn't. Freedom is not a loophole.

Sincerely,

Ari Armstrong

Volunteer Research Director, RMGO

Publications Director, Libertarian Party of Colorado

Liberty Mountain Mail

The *Mountain Mail* newspaper (Salida) reprinted an article from the *Colorado Liberty* on July 17. Ari Armstrong's piece entitled "Oppose Drug Prohibition and Disarmament" in the June *Liberty* appeared as "We should defend everyone's civil rights" in the *Mail*. This guest opinion included the by-line, "Ari Armstrong is publications director of the Colorado Libertarian Party." The piece was advertised at the top of the front page with the teaser, "Opinion: Drug, gun bans give government more power."

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Janet Reno's call to protest against gun ownership that day—instead Libertarians will rally for freedom.

Following the "Constitution Monday" rally, Browne will host a Libertarian community meeting and reception at the Denver Tech Center. The event will begin at 7:15, with speeches beginning at 7:45. The event is free and open to the public.

State Chair BetteRose Smith urged Colorado Libertarians to attend both events. "We need to go all-out on this one," she said. "We're fortunate to host Browne in our state—so let's bring out the crowds! You need to invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Let's set the record for bringing the most people out to support Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party!"

The location of the evening rally will be determined closer to that date and posted on the web page at www.lpcolorado.org. Those without internet service can call Smith at 303.639.5530.

A day-time rally is in the works that Browne may be able to attend. It would be a protest at a local prison to point out the high costs of filling our prisons with non-violent drug offenders.

Libertarians greeted Olivier with balloons and signs at the Denver airport September 7. The following morning, Olivier attended a Denver press conference with Colorado Candidates. From there, Olivier traveled to Carbondale to meet Congressional Candidate Drew Sakson for a barbecue.

On Saturday, Olivier met the Grand Junction press and attended the Informed Gun Owners Conference from 2 to 5 pm. Then he attended a candidates' social at Linn and Sharon Armstrong's house in the bookcliffs of Palisade.

On Sunday, Olivier attended an afternoon luncheon hosted by Michele Poague.

Olivier, former mayor of Bellflower, California, is running on the issues of eliminating federal interference with local communities, ending the violence of drug prohibition, and cutting taxes.

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*Colorado
Libertarian
candidates join
VP Art Olivier
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Press Club
September 8.
Reporters from
several
newspapers
also attended.*

Libertarians Avoid Supreme Court Scam

by Harry Browne
Libertarian for President

For the past year, Republicans have been trying to explain to us small-government advocates why we should vote for George W. Bush. But since Mr. Bush has no plans to reduce government or improve our lives in any significant way, Republicans have had only one argument: he isn't Al Gore. ("You don't want Al Gore in the White House, do you?")

But after seeing the Republican convention—with its theme, "big government can be compassionate government"—it turns out that George Bush *is* Al Gore after all.

Since George Bush loves big government as much as Al Gore does, Republicans have had to find another reason for us to choose Bush over Gore. So they remind us that the next President may select as many as three or four new Supreme Court judges.

"Do you want Al Gore choosing those judges?" they ask.

The Supreme Court is a favorite Republican whipping boy. They blame the court for many of today's ills — hoping we'll ignore the role of the big-spending Reagan and Bush administrations and the pork-obsessed, over-regulating, power-hungry Republican Congress.

They neglect to mention that Republican presidents appointed seven of the nine judges on the court they love so much to hate. They expect us to jump at the chance to vote for a president who will undoubtedly appoint more judges like Anthony Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor, and David Souter.

And they ignore the fact that even their favorite judges — Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia—often ignore the plain meaning of the Constitution in an effort to impose their own values on America.

Picking a Supreme Court Judge

We have had Supreme Court judges because bad presidents have chosen them. And the court won't be improved by electing another big-government president, whether his name is Al Gore or George Bush.

Every modern Supreme Court justice decides constitutional questions by referring to something other than the plain language of the Constitution. They invoke "original intent," a "living Constitution," "penumbras," "the greater good," or the "compelling interest" of government. In so doing, they demonstrate

that they're unqualified to sit on the Supreme Court. What should be the proper qualifications of a Supreme Court judge? Should the president apply a litmus test in choosing nominees?

Yes, he should. If I become president, I will ask six simple questions of any potential judge.

The First Amendment says,

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

And yet, when Congress or a legislature makes a law censoring the Internet, restricting political advocacy, prohibiting cigarette advertising on TV, or barring hate speech, the judges don't strike it down automatically. They deliberate to determine whether the government has a "compelling interest" in regulating speech or the press. But the First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law. ..."

It doesn't speak of the government's "compelling interest" or provide for any exceptions or qualifications. It says very simply, "Congress shall make no law. ..."

No law.

So the first question I would pose to any potential Supreme Court judge is:

1. Can you read?

If the prospect can pass a reading test, we can move on to the second question:

2. What do the words "Congress shall make no law" mean?

The Second Amendment says:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Again, no exceptions or qualifications are given. So my next question is:

3. What do the words "shall not be infringed" mean?

And on from there:

4. Do the thousands of gun laws now on the books infringe in any way whatsoever on the "right of the people to keep and bear arms?"

"What do
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shall make no
law' mean?"

The Ninth Amendment says:

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Nowhere in the Constitution is the government given the power to take away your right to privacy, your right to defend yourself, your right to keep your property, your right to choose your own retirement program, or in fact any other right. So my next question is:

5. What rights do the people no longer have, and where in the Constitution were those rights taken from the people?

The 10th Amendment says:

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

My final question will be:

6. Where in the Constitution was it delegated to the United States government the power to interfere in education, health care, law enforcement, welfare, charity, corporate welfare, or any of the many other areas that form a part of today's overbearing, over-regulating, over-expensive federal government?

These six questions will tell me all I need to know about the kind of judge a potential nominee would be.

Plain English

The Constitution isn't written in Chinese, Swahili, or Esperanto. It is in plain English. We don't need anyone to translate or interpret for us. It isn't even necessary to study the history of the adoption of the Constitution, since there's nothing mysterious about its words.

Phrases like "make no law" or "shall not be infringed" or "retained by the people" or "reserved to" are comprised of everyday words that require no search for "original intent" or "penumbras."

The Constitution means what it says it means—or it means nothing at all. And any judge who overrules the plain English of the Constitution is no judge at all—whether he's been appointed by a Republican or a Democrat.

Will either Al Gore or George Bush choose judges on the basis of their respect for the plain words of the Constitution? Of course not. They both believe in big government. They both believe your leaders know what's best for you.

Neither of them thinks of you as a sovereign individual with inalienable rights he should leave alone. And neither of them intends to have his grand plans for a Brave New World derailed by the plain words of the Constitution.

Al Gore doesn't want a Supreme Court judge who will strike down his vision for federal pre-school programs. George Bush doesn't want a judge who will strike down his vision of federal school vouchers.

Neither of them wants judges who will keep him from meddling in education or violating the Constitution in any other way. Quite the contrary.

So why should you think you'll be any freer with a Bush Supreme Court than one selected by Al Gore? Do you believe George W. Bush—who hasn't proposed a single reduction in big government—is determined to keep the government's nose out of your business?

I don't think so. He can't wait to get his hands on the reins of power so he can use your tax money to promote his favorite charities. He can't wait to impose his concept of a good society on you.

What Do You Want?

Do you want smaller government?

If so, you will never get it so long as you support those who are making government bigger. You will never get it by inventing excuses to vote for those who are working to make government more expensive, more intrusive, more oppressive.

If you vote Republican or Democratic, you're giving up. You're saying there's no hope you'll ever be free, and so you're just going to make the best of a bad bargain—by voting for the person who will take you to Hell at the slowest rate.

If you want freedom, you must vote for freedom—not for big government. When you do so, you may not get what you want this year. But you're paving the way to get freedom in your lifetime—and maybe even in this decade.

But with the Republicans and Democrats, you'll never get what you want. Instead, you, your children, and your grandchildren will face an ever-larger, more intrusive government.

To get freedom, you have to vote for it—for candidates who are unconditionally for smaller government, with no exceptions and no excuses.

"The Constitution means what it says it means—or it means nothing at all."

The Problem With Public School These Days

by Desiree Hackett Hickson
Libertarian for State Representative

I recently read in the *Colorado Springs Gazette* that the Colorado Springs Police are now in partnership with some local elementary schools to give away firearm locking devices to any family with a child attending one of these schools. Of course, it is stipulated that they are available upon request. I assume that means they won't be handing them out like Halloween candy. All the same, as a parent and a taxpayer, I am greatly disturbed by this report.

Isn't it enough that our kids are inundated with the message that "government is good, your parents are bad" through programs such as D.A.R.E.? This program tells kids that alcohol and cigarettes, legal "drugs," are in the same class with illegal drugs, such as heroin and cocaine. Some people might agree with that assessment. But, as long as it's legal, is it the government's business to tell my kids that I'm a bad person because I do "drugs" that are legal?

"Is it any wonder that our children can't read?"

What about sex education in the schools? Isn't it just a little funny that the same organization that wants to promote and give away condoms so that kids "protect" themselves from pregnancy or STDs is the same organization that wants to take away your kid's future right to bear arms and protect themselves from personal attack? As far as I'm concerned, programs like D.A.R.E. and sex education classes have no business in a government-funded school. I do not believe that trigger lock giveaways should be implemented by government-funded schools, either.

What a sad state of affairs when our public educational system turns teachers into social workers and school counselors into amateur therapists and psychologists. Principals and school nurses are putting themselves in the precarious position of diagnosing "problem" students without the benefit of a medical degree or getting our kids to label their parents for things like smoking cigarettes and telling the kids that their moms and dads are addicts and therefore, bad people. Recently, there was even talk of setting up a social services system in the school itself where our kids could go to the school for not just their educational needs but also their physical, mental and financial needs.

Now the schools want to promote gun control, as if they aren't influencing our kids enough on a daily basis. Is it any wonder that our children can't read? Are we really surprised that our college students cannot pass a high school history exam? I say, stop worrying about my kids' social and moral well-being and start worrying about teaching Little Timmy to spell.

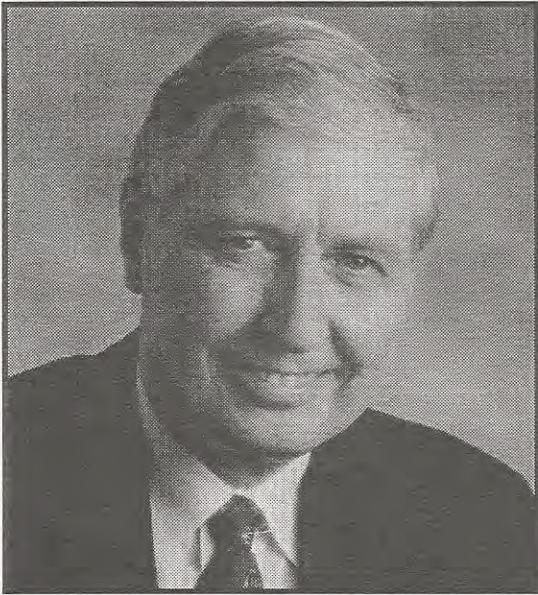
Public education in America has forgotten its primary mission to educate and has attempted to become a moral arbiter and social case worker. First, the Colorado School Board votes to post "In God We Trust" in local schools in a weak attempt to promote moral values. Now, Colorado Springs school districts are trying to promote firearm control by handing out free trigger locks.

There are organizations out there, like the NRA, trying to encourage schools to use programs such as "Eddie Eagle" to teach children about proper firearm safety. The "Eddie Eagle" program does not promote gun usage. It merely talks common sense to kids about what to do if they find a firearm (stop, don't touch, go tell a grown-up). Firearms are not required to teach this class. A student doesn't even need to have access to a firearm to benefit from the "Eddie Eagle" program. Yet, school after school has said, "no" to this course. They claim it is because they fear that if they "promote" guns then kids will go out and start shooting up the schools. These schools are missing the point, entirely. "Eddie Eagle" does not promote firearm use, but it does promote firearm safety.

Now, Project Home Safe is trying to give away firearm locks, and the schools jump all over it! If kids are not permitted to learn proper firearm safety through common sense programs like "Eddie Eagle," is it proper for the schools to promote any type of firearm safety by giving away trigger locks? Will records be kept of who is asking for trigger locks, and who will be keeping these records? How will the locks be administered?

Will Little Johnny be able to go to school and ask for a trigger lock without his firearm-owning parents' permission? How will this be promoted in the schools? Will public school teachers be educating kids about how to install these trigger locks? This is as heinous as my son's pediatrician asking us if we own firearms and then advising us to get rid of our own best personal defense. Left-wing attempts at youth socialism like this make me a staunch advocate of school choice. I personally prefer homeschooling. I am forced to give my tax dollars to a nonsensical educational system; I won't commit my children to that insanity! If you want real school choice and a stronger stand on your right to keep and bear arms, I suggest that you vote Libertarian in November.

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Harry Browne— President

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George W. Bush, Al Gore, Pat Buchanan, and Ralph Nader are arguing over one basic issue: which one is best qualified to run your life? Which one knows best what kind of school your child should attend? Which one knows how your health-insurance company should treat you? Which one knows best how to organize the economy, determine how much of your own money you should be allowed to keep, and decide what is a proper way for you to live?

I am running because I don't believe they are capable of running your life. I don't believe I am capable of running your life. I believe only you know best how to run your life.

I want to get government out of your life, so that you're free to make your own decisions, manage your own earnings, and live as a free, sovereign individual—not as a dysfunctional child who must be guided, managed, and cared for by an all-powerful government.

I want to bind the politicians down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution, as Thomas Jefferson put it.

I want you to be able to enjoy the real promise of America—which is to live as a free, sovereign individual.

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I am running for President because I want you to be free . . .

Free to live your life as you think it should be lived, not as Al Gore or George W. Bush thinks you should live it;

Free to raise your children by your values, not those of some far-off bureaucrat who sees your children as foot soldiers in a plan to create a Brave New World;

Free to keep every dollar you earn—and spend it, save it, give it away as you think best, not as the politicians will allow after they've spent what they want.



Art Olivier— Vice President

As the Libertarian Mayor of Bellflower, California, it was my duty to make sure that the taxpayers got their money's worth from the services provided by the city.

The Federal budget takes about half of your tax money, yet they provide little of the things that improve your day-to-day life.

The Federal government has a Department of Education that educates no one, a Department of Transportation that transports nothing, and a Department of Agriculture that grows no food—

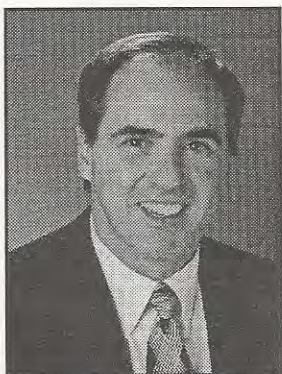
even though these departments are not authorized by the Constitution.

By having the Federal government do only what it is allowed to do in the Constitution, there would be no need for a federal income tax. People would have more of the money that they earned and parents could afford to spend more time with their children.

The end result will be that you will have more control over your own life and our communities would be a better place to live.

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Candidates for U.S. Congress



David M. Baker— District 2

My candidacy represents a chance for Colorado to send to Washington a politician of a different stripe.

I propose to the Second District, a Libertarian philosophy, built on principle, with 3 major pillars:

Truth: I intend to "price tag" all legislation, with the hope of reducing the number of laws. To expose criminal activity in the government. To broadcast the evil "unintended consequences" of many laws. To tell

(because the media doesn't) what really happens when we blockade, bomb, and bully our neighbors.

Justice: I will work to end the Drug War (Ismael Mena was just the most recent victim). To push for *fair* campaign finance reform. To enable victims' rights, judicial reform, jury reform, tort reform. To put *real* criminals behind bars.

American Way: I will work to restore America's heritage, one of freedom, individualism, choice, free markets, family, free minds. And to avoid entangling alliances abroad.

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Drew Sakson— District 3

Enough is enough. The rights and values of the people in my district are not being represented.

My goal is to insure a freer and more prosperous America by working to eliminate laws, regulations and government programs which restrict or eliminate

the right of people to peacefully interact, or which fail to recognize a person's ownership of his own body.

I believe in the re-legalization of marijuana. From 1776 to 1934 it was legal and available, then somebody came in with the bright idea of prohibition.

I believe in civil liberties. I'd like to go back to a point where the federal government is less intervening in peoples' everyday lives.

I believe we need to sell off and privatize many of the things the government does. People don't realize the cost that the federal government incurs on us on an everyday basis. They continually make decisions for us.

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Kerry Kantor— District 5

Freedom works!

America is the wealthiest, most powerful nation the world has ever known.

Why? Is it because we're so genetically superior to everyone else? That's preposterous of course. Because we happen to have more natural resources than anyone else? I think not (consider Russia & Japan). No, we've gotten here because the experiment worked.

Freedom works. How else can you explain our incomprehensibly better quality of life with respect to

the rest of the world?

So, I am intrigued that the Libertarian Party, seemingly the only organized group advocating unadorned freedom for all, has such a difficult time getting people elected to public office. I wish I knew what it meant.

Still, I believe, in spite of all appearances to the contrary, that fundamentally people do recognize the value of freedom.

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Candidates for State Senate

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Mike Zuckerman— District 8

My platform is as simple as it is ambitious—to restore liberty to the people of Colorado.

Reducing taxes would allow people to keep the money they work so hard to earn.

The government school system has proven to be a dismal failure as local school boards spend more and more tax money each year while children learn less and less.

Police cannot provide the necessary protection against criminals. However, the state and local governments are

doing all they can to disarm the law-abiding, peaceful citizens by passing various gun control measures.

When was the last time any violent felon obeyed any of the gun laws?

It is long past time for the government to stop micro-managing the lives of the citizens and allow them to pursue happiness as they see fit.

After all, who knows better what you want out of life than you?

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Pat Glidewell— District 10

My priorities lie in restoring the family.

School choice will allow parents more control over the values their children are taught.

Lower taxes can help make it affordable for one parent to stay home and raise the children into productive citizens.

I advocate several goals for the state legislature:

- Allowing parents to exercise school choice

- Ending the state income tax
- Legalizing medical marijuana

- Maintaining our 2nd amendment rights

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District 14



Patrick L. Lilly— District 12

Vote for running your own life!

I seek to reduce the size, cost and power of state government, and to withdraw government from all activities in which it should never have become involved.

This means ending "business as usual". It means repealing, abolishing, and eliminating. Only Libertarians can and will do these things.

Goals:

- State disengagement from drug war
- De-militarizing the police
- Publicizing the issues that the Democrats and Republicans would prefer to sweep under the rug
- Slashing taxes
- Ending state-level gun prohibition

I am a former chairman of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

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Candidates for State Senate



Charles A. Wright— District 17

I prefer to run my own life rather than having some politician run it for me.

If you prefer to run your own life rather than having politicians run your life for you, vote Libertarian.

As a Libertarian, I agree with Harry Browne that for safety and civil rights we must end the nightmare of prohibition.

Like you, I'm concerned about the safety of our streets. But passing more gun laws isn't the answer. Since drug prohibition doesn't stop criminals from obtaining illegal drugs, why would gun prohibition stop criminals from obtaining illegal guns?

Drug prohibition creates a violent underground market and leads to gang warfare. The drug war often results in heavier prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders than for rapists and murderers.

Instead, what we need is to end the violence of the drug war and uphold the right of self-defense.

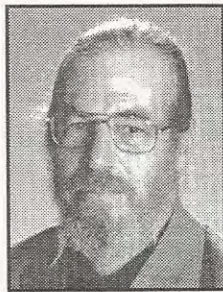
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Ron Schweizer— District 25

We need to get back to basics in good law. We do not need to make new laws. Let's check out the old laws and enforce them.

If I'm elected, I want to make laws understandable to the working man and woman.

When laws are simple and focus on crimes against persons and property, everybody understands the laws, and politicians and police do not have arbitrary power over the lives of citizens.

In addition, I believe fathers should have equal rights after divorce.

Finally, medical insurance has become a disaster because of political meddling. I'd like to reverse the politicization of medical insurance and restore it to the free market.

Today, politicians pass confusing laws which expand their own power and aid special interest groups.

No ordinary person can possibly keep track of the many volumes of legislation now on the books in Colorado.

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Steven M. Lee— District 26

Republicans who hold power in this state gain office by claiming Libertarian ideals. They use phrases in their campaign materials like "I truly believe you can spend your money more wisely than the government

can." But then when they get in office, they spend ever-increasing amounts of your money.

Republicans usually mean: "Look out, I'm about to pass a law that will take away more of your freedoms, your money, personal control over your life—or all of the above!"

As a real Libertarian, I will not only talk about responsibility and freedom, but once in office, I will actually vote that way.

I want to improve education through time-tested, business-like reforms. I want to reduce crime by creating more prison space for criminals who use violence against people, criminals who use guns in the commission of a crime, criminals who steal or damage property. I also want to reduce taxes by cutting unnecessary government spending.

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Candidates for State Senate

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Harry Ozols— District 27

The people we elect are well-meaning, but wind up trying to control our lives. They are more than happy to tell us how to spend our hard-earned money (income taxes) and how we should behave (victimless crimes).

Increasingly, our society encourages blaming everyone else for everything that befalls us. The lawyer-politicians are happy to take individual responsibility away from us because it increases their power. We are duped into accepting this arrangement because it

absolves us from our mistakes. Let's stop this negative spiral.

As a Libertarian, I encourage each and every one of us to tell the government that we are free-thinking adults, that we want to make our own decisions, and that we are willing to accept the consequences of our actions.

I want to do everything I can to reverse the government-encouraged process of personal irresponsibility for one's own actions.

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Cy Smaling— District 29

I believe that what I earn is mine; my property is mine; what I do is my business, as long as I don't hurt anybody.

You have the same rights. The government is far too obtrusive.

I have been involved in both business and politics and will bring in a fresh perspective to the programs our state is working on.

Goals:

- Reducing the size and costs of government
- Restoring the people's interest in the political process and getting them to believe that their vote does count
- Upholding the 2nd Amendment
- Better management of our natural resources (primarily water)

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Steven Dreiling
District 28

Patrick Adamson
District 31

Jeff Taton
District 35



Jesse L. Wilkins— District 33

I'm running for Colorado State Senate because I believe in strong communities and the power of individuals to make a difference.

I believe that individuals should have the right to live their lives as they see fit.

I believe that you deserve to keep what you earn.

I believe that you know how to spend your time and money better than the government does.

I believe that we have problems in our schools, in our criminal justice system, and in our communities that cannot be solved simply by throwing more money at them.

I believe it's time to take back our communities and our lives from the bureaucrats and the career politicians.

If you're tired of hearing the same tired lies from the same tired politicians, vote Libertarian in November. Vote for Jesse Wilkins for State Senate District 33.

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Candidates for State Representative



Vernon L. Tomkins— House District 2

Government governs best when it governs least.

I favor a return to community values where everybody participates directly to make a difference, without relying on politicians to solve our problems.

- Reduce the size and complication of legislation, making one bill pertain to only one topic, and readable by the general public
- Re-establish the "fully informed jury"
- End property taxes
- Allow everyone to be heard, not just lobbyists

Goals:

- Reduce the size of government

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Benjamin Aycrigg
House District 3

Ralph Estrada
House District 4

Richard Blair, III
House District 6

Walter Schlomer
House District 8

Dawn Reader-McCreery
House District 9

Glen Brink
House District 11



Martin Vigil— House District 5

Today America is looked upon as a country lost in crime, drugs and corrupt government.

The average citizen has restricted rights—unless he has money.

"Innocent until proven guilty" has become "guilty until proven innocent."

The current government has grown to the point of having too much control over our money.

We must take control of our country, before we see it torn apart. Only "We the people," the individual

citizen can bring back traditional values, and thus make our nation whole again.

Being a strong advocate of education and health care, I am disturbed by the "cures" being offered by my big-government opponents.

I believe that we need to address the root causes of the breakdown of these systems, in order to reclaim our place as the world's leader in health care and education.

Only by returning choice (as well as the money) to the parents, can we hope to reverse the declining trends in these areas.

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Dwight Harding— House District 12

The individual is the primary building block of any society.

By ensuring that individuals have freedom of choice and action, any society is ensuring its welfare and social strength.

The current political model is that of the corporation profit first—and sacrificing individual welfare to that end.

This is usually achieved by passing restrictive and repressive laws that favor corporations over individuals.

Examples of this are our degraded health care system, school system, air quality, water quality, environment and a grossly over-worked labor force.

Enabling individuals to act in their own best interest would eliminate or alleviate many social problems.

If I am elected, I will work to reduce state government, reduce state taxes, eliminate state-sponsored corporate welfare, and work to empower individual choice.

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Candidates for State Representative

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Wright J. Morgan— House District 13

I follow the views of our first Libertarian president, Thomas Jefferson, who is reputed to have said "That government is best which governs least."

I want to retain only what is needed to perform essential governmental functions, and eliminate government by Big Nanny.

I support private enterprise and oppose all New Deal-type Big Government controls over private, personal freedoms.

I adopt the Libertarian platform as mine.

I want to reduce bureaucracy, thereby saving taxes and curtailing the intrusion of government into private lives.

I would like to see a Sunset Test for every bureau and require each to periodically justify its existence.

I favor privatization whenever possible.

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Carol Geltemeyer— House District 15

My Republican opponent feels that the biggest problem facing Colorado is growth.

He's wrong. The only growth problem Colorado faces is the growth of government.

In the name of an unconstitutional and irrational drug prohibition movement, we are surrendering our rights to free speech, privacy and a fair judicial system.

My opponents also push for further centralization of a government school monopoly that is failing miserably.

I want to live in a society where people are responsible for their actions and where people are free to live their lives as they see fit.

I want to seriously reduce the size of government so that its only function is to protect people's rights—these are the principles that our great country was founded on.

Take back your government, take back your liberties and vote Libertarian!

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Jonathan Birge
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Michael Hechtman
House District 17



Desiree H. Hickson— House District 18

I believe that "we, the people" should be secure in our person and our property without fear of intrusion from the government.

I believe that all law-abiding citizens have the right to keep and bear arms. If elected, I would set about fighting for the passage of a law that allows lawful owners to conceal their weapons without need of a permit.

I believe that parents have the right to provide their children with the type of education that they see fit, without intrusion from the government.

I believe in a woman's right to choose. Nobody should dictate how a person, male or female, should take care of themselves and their body.

I believe we should decide where our money goes once it is earned.

As an elected official, I would work towards the elimination of the state income tax as well as taxes across the board.

The Libertarian Party is the only party that stands by the people and is for the people.

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Candidates for State Representative



Colette Wright— House District 19

The Colorado Constitution is quite clear: the power that the people give to government—to exercise on their behalf—is strictly limited.

As a Libertarian, I will exercise my delegated powers within the limits specified and will work to restore our liberties and freedoms.

Goals:

- Reduce State spending to Constitutionally-mandated limits

- Require four years of study of the State/Federal Constitutions and the history of freedom
- End all drug and alcohol traffic checkpoints
- End all restrictions for law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons, state-wide

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Robert Herzfeld
House District 21



Ariane Hildenbrandt— House District 20

Our rights as American citizens have been steadily eroded, as a result of a Democratic/Republican government.

As a Libertarian, I stand for departure from the status quo and for significant social,

political, and legal change that will return this nation to a state where freedom and liberty are realities instead of textbook dreams.

Any law that criminalizes or penalizes any person, who is not otherwise engaged in self-evident acts of crime

(such as theft, robbery, assault, murder, mayhem, etc.) shall either not be enacted or shall be repealed.

I want to strengthen parental rights and re-establish parental controls, care and custody of children.

We should end the war on drugs and eliminate no-knock raids and property confiscation.

I also favor the elimination of the state income tax and of gun control laws which only harm lawful citizens.

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Kent McNaughton— House District 22

The American system is intended to maintain government in its place as the servant—not master—of the people.

Every person has natural rights which are not subject to government—or

majority—denial. As Martin Luther King said in his "I have a Dream" speech, all people are fundamentally equal and must be treated that way under the law, to be given neither advantage nor handicap.

I will work to restore people's freedoms—personal as well as economic—that have been restricted by laws and regulations. The first test a proposed law must meet is whether it advances or restricts freedom. In general, if a law would attempt to create order by denying or diminishing a liberty, I would oppose it.

If elected, I will work to end the violence of drug prohibition, ensure the right to bear arms, and make sure Colorado students can compete successfully in the 21st century by fostering competition and choice in education.

Candidates for State Representative

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Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer— House District 24

For years I have watched little thing erode away our freedoms. Bans on scientific research. Increasing sentencing laws for non-violent drug offenders. "Reasonable measures" to increase gun control. Minor tax increases. The answer

on every politician's lips to every problem seems to be a new government program.

While the special interest groups encourage (and finance) the politicians, we sit back and debate philosophy in coffee houses.

When asked to volunteer we say "it's not my issue" or "it's not my district." Then we wonder why our neighbors and friends accept the mythology that new laws and government programs can help them without taking something vital away.

Every time we allow the government to "solve" a problem we loose more freedom. Little things to erode our freedom. Little things are droplets of water; but from these the grand canyon was made.

We fight now or we lose forever.

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Mike Spalding— House District 28

You can help to stop the senseless violence of the drug war, protect the environment, help the poor find good jobs, and even effectively give yourself a raise.

I am the only candidate who will work to reduce your taxes by reducing the size of government. I am the only candidate who will not be passing laws to tell you how to live your life.

Don't waste your vote on a Republican or Democrat with the same old rhetoric.

Vote for freedom—vote Libertarian.

Goals:

- Reduce expenditures to eliminate the state income tax
- Remove laws that prevent disadvantaged people from working
- End the failed drug war
- Stop the federal government from destroying Colorado's forests

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Duane Bates
House District 25



Gregg Miller— House District 29

We must regain our rights as free people by informing ourselves and acting constructively in accord with our founders' openly-declared principles, including property rights, limiting government to constitutional boundaries,

minimal in size yet strong enough to protect our rights, inalienable and as citizens of a free country.

The major parties have increased government and decreased citizens' Constitutional rights, which we must regain by adherence to our philosophy of minimal government run democratically by a well-informed

populace.

We should not have to constantly fight our own elected officials (who supposedly represent us) to re-establish our just freedoms, including freedom from tyrannies both within and without.

Informed, private-sector citizens will make our best elected officials.

If elected, I will work to end the state income tax, support fully informed juries so essential for freedom, and promote open government.

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Candidates for State Representative



W. Earl Allen— House District 31

I trust you to choose wisely.

I believe that politicians can never have enough knowledge to make informed choices about economics or morality. These choices must be left in the hands of the compassionate and intelligent citizens of Colorado.

Libertarians want to depoliticize education, charity, health care, drug use, and other areas of life.

I trust you to choose wisely this election. Voting Libertarian will reduce your taxes and increase your choice.

Goals:

- Returning educational rights and responsibilities to parents
- Returning control of transportation in Colorado to the free market and removing control from RTD and the PUC
- Making development pay its way upfront instead of burdening taxpayers
- Reducing Colorado government enough to be able to axe the income tax

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Kelly Koop
House District 30

Stephen Hutchens— House District 32

In a time in this country, when an educated and informed jury can be dismissed on grounds of being "tainted," it has become clear and obvious, that the time to pick up and carry the torch that our forefathers lit, is severely overdue. Juries being the foundation of our judicial system, an informed jury is necessary and vital to a free state.

Today the citizens of this state find themselves answering to the government instead of the government answering to the people. It is for this reason that I have

chosen to run as a Libertarian candidate, in order to restore the intended function of our government, as set out by the constitution of these United States of America.

I am a member of the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA), the National Rifle Association, the American Legion, and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

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Norman T. Olsen— House District 33

People work, government doesn't! Our first objective must be the reclamation of our sovereignty per the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. I intend to send a definite message to Washington

D.C.: "Buzz Off! Colorado is our state!"

If the "federals" want to own 1/2 of our state, then they ought to pay taxes on what they own, just like everyone else. In short—I'm a Libertarian. I will not accept or support compromises (no matter how politically convenient) which reduce freedom and liberty in any way.

Goals:

- Repeal all state laws which are not consistent with Article 2, Section 13 (Right to bear arms) of the Colorado Constitution
- Implement the Marijuana initiative
- Implement laws, actions, etc. to assert our rights as expressed in the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- Implement a consistent, state-wide concealed carry law

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Candidates for State Representative

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David Wood— House District 34

To reach our human potential we need to be free to choose our beliefs and actions as we think best, free from coercion.

The State of Colorado needs to do a better job of protecting us from those who would coerce us, and needs to stop treating as criminals those individuals whose personal choices it disapproves of.

Goals:

- Create more choice in education through vouchers,

charter schools, etc. with the eventual goal of creating separation of State and Education

- Remove all State laws without victims and expunge all previous convictions
- Reform the justice system placing an emphasis on restitution to victims and creating effective low-cost alternatives to prison, for offenders

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Ari Armstrong— House District 35

If you elect me, I will vote for civil rights, every time. I will vote for less intrusive government, every time. I will vote for individual liberty and personal responsibility, every time.

I do not believe politicians do a very good job of solving social problems. They try to fix poverty, and they create dependency instead. They try to educate our children, and they turn our schools into hotbeds of political controversy instead. They try

to make our cities safe, and their policies lead to violence instead.

If you want to accept the responsibility for your own life, for your family, and for your community, then please vote for me. I'll work to restore your freedom to live your life as only you know best.

This year, vote your conscience, vote your principles. Libertarians believe in you. Libertarians will work to restore individual liberty and personal responsibility in Colorado and across America.

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Clayton Steiner
House District 36

Richard Roeder— House District 38

I believe that a society that allows its citizens the freedom to make their own choices and requires them to be responsible for those choices will thrive. Prohibiting certain activities and requiring others is counter-productive and unconstitutional.

I believe people are sick of politicians who allow polls to set their agenda, rather than lead according to principles.

The insane drug war is the root of much evil in our society. Trying to fix the problems it causes without ending it is futile.

As a Libertarian, I am committed to principles that will

foster liberty. I am not willing to sacrifice my constituents' liberty to get elected (or re-elected).

I will do what I say I'm going to do.

Goals:

- Decriminalize drugs
- Disband the RTD
- Eliminate state-controlled schools
- Vermont-style gun-carry laws

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Candidates for State Representative



Jay Bloomfield— House District 40

From my previous experiences working in law enforcement, I have seen firsthand how precarious freedom is in our society.

I am fully committed to preserving our civil rights and allowing the citizens of

Colorado to be accountable to themselves for their failures and successes.

I will never, ever vote for a tax increase (except for national defense from an imminent threat).

I will also never, ever vote for any more restrictions on gun ownership.

Goals:

- Eliminate racial/ethnic categories on government forms
- Legalization of "victimless crimes"
- Allow non-felons to carry concealed weapons

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Grace Reed— House District 43

I support Libertarian principles.

I advocate less government, the repeal of the income tax, the re-legalization of all drugs, and free markets.

Goals:

- No state income tax
- Fully Informed juries
- Legalizing marijuana and then all drugs
- Working toward elimination of the Department of Education

I am a retired mother of three. I enjoy music, gardening, travel, and reading.

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Ross Atwood
House District 39

Jal Staples
House District 41

Lyman Hall
House District 42

James Meacham
House District 44



Lawrence Tudor— House District 45

Stand UP for Liberty!

I am guided by the principle of individual liberty.

I will be a voice for individual freedoms and liberty, every time.

Goals:

- Ending the state income tax
- Rolling back the intrusions of the state upon the "Liberties" of every citizen of Colorado
- Stopping the erosion of our 2nd Amendment rights

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Candidates for State Representative

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Anthony Barbour— House District 48

I believe that we have too much government in too many areas of our lives.

No old-party politician who wants (or needs) to get re-elected is going to cut programs without spending as much, if not more, on their own pet projects. I want to see programs phased out and let people have the freedoms and responsibilities to live their own lives.

I don't believe that we need a government program or law to solve every problem. We are a resourceful, independent people, and we can work together to solve our problems at a local level, without someone in Washington adding bureaucracy and taking credit.

Let people invest for their own retirement. Let people defend themselves as they see fit. Let a woman make her own decisions about her body. Let communities decide what to teach in their schools and how to fund them. Let communities decide how to best help their poor.

Just about anything a government program can do, a group of motivated private citizens can do better, less expensively, and faster.

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Russ J. Haddad— House District 50

As a young man I learned just how precious our guaranteed rights really are, as protected by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I'm proud to be an American, yet sometimes I fear my government. I respect and honor those who are

willing to stand up and be counted for what's right. As a veteran, I can deeply appreciate and never forget those who fell and gave their best for our freedoms.

A person who labors should be entitled to the fruits of his work without a heavy tax burden.

I strongly believe in the separation of church and state. Religion's place is not in our courtrooms or schools.

The jury system is one of our most precious institutions; an Informed Jury can accomplish its best work.

As a legislator, I would strive to block increased taxation and support any legislation that secures or improves our Constitutional rights. I would support smaller government that is less intrusive and more efficient.

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Betty McCanless
House District 47

Robert Brooks
House District 49



Brenda Bissell-Morey— House District 51

We, the people, can free ourselves from onerous government.

We have the power, as individuals, from our constitution, to re-create our government so that it serves us rather than owns and hampers

us. We need to use our power and take our responsibility to accomplish this.

Goals:

- Fight and vote against any law increasing government bureaucracy
- Eliminate state income tax
- Eliminate estate taxes that keep agricultural families from passing on their farms
- End corporate welfare to slow growth in Colorado and save taxpayers' money

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Candidates for State Representative

Alberto Squassabia— House District 52

A healthy society values the freedom of its individual members, and their respect for each other.

In turn, individual members are responsible to their consciences for their behavior; and society is responsible for its behavior to the Bill of Rights.

The root of these principles is in certain unalienable rights among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

What does freedom thrive on?

All that is good in the nature of man. It is the innate desire of most people to cultivate virtue; many of us

even succeed in this intent.

Through delegation of ethics and morality to a collective tribal conscience, modern America risks to alienate the roots of its success.

In a paradoxical twist, what the Bill of Rights intends to protect from intrusion or abuse might just be given away.

Individual agency, responsibility, and accountability are terrible things to waste—or delegate.

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Chris Lans
House District 54

David Cooper
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Cliff Ham— House District 53

The Libertarian Party is the only political party which embraces the free enterprise system of voluntary cooperation and fair compensation instead of the fist of government force, to achieve its goals.

I believe that the American People are

waking up to the realization that government-financed programs and new laws do not create the America we expect for ourselves. Americans expect to be secure in

their persons, to be able to own property and keep the proceeds of their toils without the fear of a government that uses force and intimidation to tax and control the very people which it is constitutionally bound to serve.

As I see it, the Libertarian Party is the only party that offers the American People the opportunity to live in a society where free enterprise and voluntary cooperation replaces the present "Republicrat" government, which pits Americans against one another by forcing one group to pay for another's choices.

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Barry Maggert— House District 56

I am running because the rights and values of the people of my district are not being represented in the state house. I believe those values can be summed up in one simple principle: "Live and Let Live."

"Live and Let Live" means I don't have the right to dictate to my neighbor what he can read, eat, drink, believe, purchase or possess. It means I respect my neighbor's ability to make decisions in his own life, and I expect the same from him.

"Live and Let Live" also means I expect the same respect

from my government. Our government, our elected representatives, have forgotten this principle.

Somebody is making a decision about how to spend your money, and that person isn't you. Somebody is making a decision about which special interests benefit from your money, and that person isn't you. Somebody is making a decision about how you will get from one place to another, and how much it will cost you and your community, and that person isn't you.

It's time to take off the lead rope—true freedom comes with no strings attached.

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Candidates for State Representative

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William D. Murphy— House District 58

If ever there was a high-profile, clear-cut, up or down political promise that should not be broken, it was President George Bush's "Read my lips" promise not to raise taxes. It appeared to represent a commitment to

smaller government. He broke it. That sealed my exit from the Republican Party.

The Republicans and Democrats are ossified parties of the status quo: Big Government.

I agree with David Bergland, the 1984 Libertarian candidate for President, who wrote: "Government

should be limited to assisting the citizens in defending their rights against anyone who violates or threatens them. Therefore, laws which penalize such actions as murder, rape, robbery, fraud, arson, kidnapping, battery, trespass or pollution (a form of trespass) are valid uses of government force. By contrast, any activity which is peaceful, voluntary, and honest should not be penalized or subject to government interference."

I will place all legislation to come before me into two categories: 1.If it decreases individual liberty, I will vote against it. 2.If it increases individual liberty, I will vote in favor of it, unless it encroaches on the rights of others.

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Robert Johnson— House District 60

If a Democrat or a Republican is elected in District #60, the people of the San Luis Valley (and Pueblo) can look forward to the same representation they now have: more government intrusion in their lives, higher taxes, and less freedom.

As a Libertarian, I promise less government, lower taxes, and more freedom. If elected, I will work toward the following goals:

Drastically reduced government spending and taxes
Strict adherence to the national and state constitutions
Decriminalization of victimless crimes

Education of all jurors on their obligation to judge the law as well as the facts in criminal cases

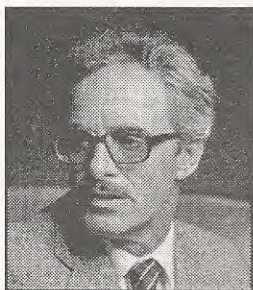
I agree with Thoreau's sentiment, "That which governs least, governs best."

The Demopublicans promise everything and deliver nothing. I support the consistent Libertarian philosophy of less government intrusion in our private lives, drastically reduced government spending and taxes, and complete adherence to the constitutions of the country and of Colorado. My most important qualification is total commitment to these Libertarian ideas.

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James B. Shroyer
House District 57

William Zimsky
House District 59



Gene Leverett— House District 63

To have a livable and civilized society it is necessary to have:

1. A judiciary that is fair, unbiased, and consistent with the principles and letter of the Constitution

2. Inalienable property rights

3. Freedom from oppressive taxation

4. The liberty to pursue individual and family goals

Goals:

- Return the tobacco extortion money back to the taxpayer
- Return the school systems to local control and local funding
- Have state-wide concealed carry laws
- Make it illegal for government to hire undercover snitches
- Respect and obey the TABOR amendment

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Candidates for State Representative



Zach Ullevig— House District 64

I am seeking this office for two reasons; to restore individual Liberty to Colorado citizens and to restore Colorado's rights as guaranteed by the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Coloradans have lost a great deal of individual Liberty to the encroachments of both Federal and State government.

Unfortunately, Colorado has abandoned us to the Federal Government's abuses in excessive taxation, the futile War on Drugs and a chronic case of overactive

legislation. Instead of protecting her citizens, Colorado has chosen to join the looting with additional layers of unnecessary taxes, additional layers of gun control laws, and additional bureaucracies overspending our money without any measure of quality results.

It is time our state takes our side.

It is possible to have honorable leaders, if we just vote for honorable people. Join me and the Libertarian Party and together we can create an America Unchained for the 21st Century.

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Tim P. Sauer
House District 61

Sharon K. Davis
House District 62



Trent Eichhorn— House District 65

"The best government is that which governs least."

We need to reclaim our heritage of self-reliance and respect for each other by allowing people to live their lives to the fullest without intervention.

the tasks ahead of them, and see if the government will assist. People born into dependence on government largess learn not to look into themselves for answers, but to rely on others. We need to liberate that divine spark within each of us that calls us to rise above ourselves.

Goals:

- "Concealed carry" reform
- Ending state income tax
- Ending our state's involvement in the War on Drugs
- Fully Informed Juries
- Educational freedom through privatization
- Immigration reform

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People should be free to succeed or fail entirely on their merits and reap the benefits of their labor.

Government should be the last resort and only used if other means could not achieve necessary results, e.g. national defense.

Too many in our society now pause before they take up



Justin VanWart— Boulder County Commisioner

The economy buzzes; we're engaged in a stream of busy activity. Colorado is a blessed state, and we — the new arrivals to this Western land — are transforming it now as never before. Let us take pause to meditate on the future of our current frenzy, and plant the seeds of self-responsibility that are the true workings of our collective development.

Liberty not only involves responsibility of oneself, but also to personally respond to the call of alleviating the suffering of others. Government welfare is forced

charity and is ineffective. I believe in active but limited government.

Goals:

- Promoting "civic duty", outside of government activities
- Early release of non-violent drug offenders in prison
- Open discussion of the role of government and its detriment to faith-based organizations
- Mimimum of 10% tax cut on property

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Candidates for County Commisioner

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Steven J. D'Ippolito— El Paso

I am running for County Commissioner because it is quite obvious that the Republicans (who hold all five seats on the Board of County Commissioners in El Paso County) have no understanding of what a county government

should be doing. Governments exist to protect the rights of their citizens.

At the county level, this means that the government's priority should be law enforcement. (But these days even that is easy to mis-interpret, as many laws today are attempts to prohibit things that violate no one's rights. I would insist that the sheriff use his resources to fight real crime.)

The county government has over-reached its legitimate role by interfering in the way families raise their children, granting a sweetheart monopolistic contract for ambulance service, taxing all residents to subsidize entertainment for a few, subsidizing development, interfering in peoples' land use decisions, and in many more ways.

I intend to give residents of the county a tax cut. With the county government focused on its real job, it should be possible to eliminate the county property tax and greatly reduce the 1% sales tax.

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Ross A. Glidewell— El Paso

I decided to run for County Commissioner because I feel I can make a difference.

The current Commissioners in power do not have your personal or professional freedoms foremost in their hearts and minds as

evidenced by their zoning practices and taxing schemes.

They don't trust you enough to make your own decisions on what to do with your land, or your money. I feel I can be a voice in government that can help turn the tide on this power grab by doing everything I can to

return your freedoms and liberties back to you.

I believe in small government.

If elected, I would not only do everything I could to freeze all county-level governmental growth, I would attempt to eliminate those governmental programs the county should not be involved in the first place.

America's heritage is one of liberty, personal responsibility and working to build a future for your family.

Americans of all creeds and colors built a great country with these ideas. Let's use them to build our county's future.

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Less government. equals greater freedom.

As citizens, our growing government bureaucracy is the greatest threat that we face today.

If elected, I would endeavor to restore the rights our forefathers

intended that our citizens enjoy.

Goals:

- Reduce county taxes
- Reduce cost of bureaucracy
- Relieve low-income elderly from property taxes
- Make sure there is sufficient water to sustain growth

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September • October 2000

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• October 2 Constitution Monday Rally with Harry Browne (page 3).						
• October 21 Libertarian of the Year Banquet with John Ross (page 5).						
• October 28-29 Wasatch Gun Show at the Adams County Fair Grounds in Brighton. Call Joe Johnson: 303.604.9153						
3 Gun Show in Loveland Call Joe Johnson: 303.604. 9153	4 Boulder, noon. Call Lori VanBuren: 303.823.9695 Southside, 7pm. Call Bennett Rutledge: 303.740.8690	5 Fort Collins Breakfast, 7 am at Joe's Fireside Cafe, 238 S College Ave. Call Lee Smith: 970.635.0395	6 Colorado Springs Friends of Liberty, 7 pm. 719.596.6799 Broomfield 7pm. Call Wright Morgan: 303.465.9676	7 Jefferson County 6 pm. social, 7 pm. business. Call Tom Goonan: 303.202.9069	11	9 Denver Breakfast LePeep's, 8 am. 303.831.4334 Crossroads Gun Show in Denver. Call Joe Johnson: 303.604.9153
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